

IN BEHALF OF CLEAN BALL

**PRESIDENT PULLIAM INSTRUCTS  
PLAYERS AND UMPIRES**

**Fine of \$5 for Intentionally Coasting a New Base—Much-Needed Reforms—Reinforcing Coaching—A Hint to the Catchers—Other Points**

On the eve of the opening of the championship season—next Wednesday—further steps have been taken by President Fullan of the National League to have baseball sportsmanlike and free from rowdiness. He has sent out a letter addressed to "managers, captains and players," which contains the following:

"At the last meeting of the National League, the responsibility of maintaining order and discipline upon the ball field was put upon me, and by the authority of a resolution unanimously adopted, I was authorized to draw up such regulations as I thought proper in the premises. At the outset, I wish to

"'Rowdism' on the ball fields of the National League will not prevail during the season of 1903. Nine-tenths of the ballplayers in our league are gentlemen, earning their livelihood by the legitimate manner, and nothing that tends to better the best, I know, will have their hearty approval.

"The players are directed to see that their uniforms are in a neat condition before going on the ball field, and they are requested to take their positions promptly when play commences, and to remain in their positions until the game is over, as quickly as the conditions of the

weather will allow.

"The umpire is the sole judge of play. His decision cannot be questioned, and any player that does so will do it at his own peril.

"For misconduct of any character the umpire is empowered to order the manager, catcher, or players from the playing field, and in two instances he will have the power to inflict a fine. (a) In the event of a new ball being intentionally discolored, the umpire is authorized to impose a fine of \$5 on the offender and call for a new ball. With the umpire's permission, however, the pitcher can have the privilege of rubbing the gloss off a new ball. (b) In the case where a

The umpire deliberately throws the ball out of play, or the umpire intentionally interferes with the play by injuring the ball in play renders it unfit for service. In this case the umpire shall be fined the offender \$5, and in case of the ball being thrown over the fence the offender shall be thrown out of the game at once as an additional penalty.

When a manager, captain or player is ordered from the game he must instantly leave the playing field, and he cannot appear again on the ball field during the progress of the game from which he was expelled.

The umpires are directed, in all cases where a player is guilty of misconduct, to impose further discipline than the mere expulsion from the game, to notify this office by telegram and to give details of said misconduct to the office of the league.

Where a player is guilty of misconduct, and the action as is deemed proper in each case, particular case will be taken. In cases where the action is taken, the player's name and the nature of the offense (and such statement) will only be called for.

When managers, captain or player is under suspension by the president, he will be excluded from the playing field during the progress of the game, and he will not be allowed to wear the team's dress, or to occupy any position on the ball field. If he attends the game he must be in civilian dress.

Managers, captains and players are especially forbidden to quarrel, or to fight, after the completion of the game or by any action, overt or secret, trying to cause a disturbance, or to use force, or to strike or cause him bodily harm. Any action of this kind will be severely dealt with, and the offender will be suspended.

It is the desire of the president to accord the players every consideration and to cooperate with them in every way possible, in order to better the condition of professional baseball in general, and I would like the cooperation of every one to bring about a satisfactory state of affairs. We must have clean baseball, and players, for we must have clean baseball, worthy the respect of every one, if we hope to have a successful sport.

Under the head of "Instruction to Umpires" these officials call the attention of the players to the following points:

"At all times maintain the highest dignity of the position and treat managers and players with proper respect, but do not interfere with the game."

\*Never go on the ball field without a watch properly regulated.

\*Where two games are played for one admission, note the time of the ending of the first game and start the second game exactly ten minutes later. Rule 24, section 6.

\*Before 'play' is called, satisfy yourself that the field is properly laid off with lines and bases in the proper places. Rule 60.

\*Just prior to calling 'play' announce the

"When for any reason a change is made in a team during the progress of a game, you must notify the spectators of the name of the substituted player."

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to bring about a satisfactory state of affairs on the ball, and the proper action of umpires to enforce the proper conservatism that should govern the acts of any judicial office.

Umpires also are instructed regarding the interpretation of playing rules. Some of the others is the following:

Rule 33, Sec. 8 (Balking)—Construed as meaning that both feet of the catcher must be inside the catcher's lines.

The purpose of this is to prevent catchers from deliberately stepping outside of their lines to take intentional wide pitches, the latter resorted to when a pitcher wants to

Rule 40 (Batting)—A foul tip must go sharp from bat. If the ball rises from bat to the catcher, as in the case of the attempted bunting of a low or slow ball, it will be ruled as a foul fly.

Rule 16, Sec. 5 (Batsman is out)—The batsman will be declared out at once if he make any motion or attempt at interference with the throwing of

or the catching of the ball by the catcher.  
Rule 53 (Coaching)—This rule is construed literally, and it is not intended to allow the exception of the imposition of the \$5 fine, in which case the printed rules are in error.

Strict enforcement of the coaching rule will mean the doing away with the antics of certain coaches, one of which is inciting spectators to yell at the opposing pitchers with a view to rattling him. It is a much-needed move to get rid of sportsmen who yell for nothing else. More dignity and less monkeyshines are needed on the coaching lines.

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**Yale Team Should Stay at Home Easter,**  
**Says Mike Murphy.**

NEW HAVEN, April 12.—Mike Murphy, the Yale trainer, to-night in expressing opposition to the Yale baseball nine going on to the Easter vacation and the prospect of a bright April in these trips said:

"The Yale nine would do better to stay right at home during the Easter vacation. The team could play three, or possibly five, games with the Connecticut colleges, and it would be around for it. The games would pack the grand stands here and create much more excitement. The team could save the expense of going South, and what is more, would prevent any of the team from being away from the teaming travel. The team has to take for the work in the South. If the team wanted, it could go to the South to practice with the big leagues. Many a time the Yale team has lost a good pitcher because he has lost a good pitcher."

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